

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

May 20, 2009

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m., with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) C.V. Realty, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Filli, LLC, d/b/a Con-Test Analytical Laboratory WBE/DBE MA**
- c) Kay-Cor Contractors, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- d) Land Development Design Collaborative, Inc.,**

D/b/a LDD Collaborative, Inc. MBE/DBE MA

e) Mendez General Contractor, LLC MBE/DBE RI

f) Xtreme Marketing & Graphics MBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program, as well as the DBE program, as applicable, as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Craft & Trade Employment, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Craft & Trade Employment, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Colleen Santilli, President of Craft & Trade, and by Mr. Michael Nelson, Director of Business Development for Craft & Trade. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, independence, and commercially useful function, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. The motion failed to carry with two votes for the motion (Anderson & Akinfolarin) and two votes against the motion (Newton & Oredugba). After additional discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the application, pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mt. Hope Builders, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Mt. Hope Builders, Inc., and was attended by Mr. Antonio Matos, Jr., President of Mt. Hope Builders, as well as by Sandra Matos Traibman, Jose Graterol, and Thomas McAndrew, Esq., counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of capital contributions, control, and dependency upon a non-disadvantaged individual, a motion was made and properly seconded to continue the hearing at a future date in order to allow the firm's accountant to attend and address issues financial in nature. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Manna Supply, Inc. – The CRC were informed that Manna Supply, Inc., a firm currently certified as a broker of electrical supplies, has requested a category expansion. The CRC were further informed that the MBE Compliance Office has requested additional information from the home state certifying agency, and will be making a recommendation to the CRC at a future date. This discussion was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken on this item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.